



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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#### Preventive Health and Health Services and Maternal and Child Health Block Grants

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Good morning, my name is Dr. J. Robert Galvin and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health. Today I am presenting the Department's proposed FFY 2011 Allocation Plan for the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant and Maternal and Child Health Block Grant.

The Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant funds programs designed to reduce preventable morbidity and mortality, and improve the health status of populations. Congress established this Block Grant in 1981 and it was created with funds originally allocated to six separate categorical grants. The Block Grant funds may be used to fund activities consistent with making progress towards achieving the objectives in the national public health plan for the health status of the population (also known as Healthy People 2010), for rodent control and fluoridation programs (CT does not use funds for either of these services), for planning, establishing and expanding the EMS system, for providing services for victims of sex offenses and for planning, monitoring and evaluation of such programs. In Connecticut, the PHHS Block Grant supports a variety of public health programs, many of which are implemented at the local level.

The Preventive Health and Health Services Block grant has a proposed FFY 2011 budget of \$1,694,428 and will use a total of \$242,139 of the carry forward to supplement the \$1,368,893 estimated federal allocation for basic programs and \$83,396 for rape crisis services. This would leave an estimated \$257,549 in carry forward to mitigate the need for reductions in FFY 2012. The 2011 estimated budget is based on an assumption of level funding. However, the Department has a contingency plan in place, and, should an increase or reduction occur, the Department would review the recommendations of the Preventive Block Grant Advisory Committee and modify allocations as needed. The health priorities and program categories for FFY 2011 remain the same as FFY 2010. The only minor change is the addition of a new local health program option in Chronic Disease Self-Management.

In regard to the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Allocation Plan, the MCHBG promotes the development of service systems in states to meet critical challenges in:

- Reducing infant mortality
- Providing and ensuring access to comprehensive care for women
- Promoting the health of children by providing preventive and primary care services and
- Providing family centered, community based, coordinated services for children and youth with special health needs.



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There is a federal requirement that at least 30 percent of funds will be used for prevention and primary care services and at least 30 percent be used for children with special health needs. There are a number of other administrative requirements of the block grant that are referenced in the Allocation Plan. The Department is in compliance with all administrative requirements.

There are a variety of services provided with MCH grant funds to meet the objectives, which are included in the allocation plan. These include case management services for pregnant women, MCH information and referral services (2-1-1), family planning, oral health, school-based primary and behavioral health, infant health and wellbeing, newborn screening, and medical homes for children and youth with special health care needs.

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The FFY 2011 Maternal and Child Health Allocation Plan is based on level federal funding of \$4,748,137 and may be subject to change when the final federal appropriation is authorized.

Total Maternal and Child Health Block Grant funding available for expenditure in FFY 2011 is estimated to be \$4,914,575 including carry over funds from FFY 2009. There are no anticipated changes in the Federal award at this time. However, DPH respectfully requests an amendment to correct the figures that represent FFY 10 estimated expenditures to the Table on page 17 as follows:

- In the Preventive & Primary Care for Children section, under the category "Other (4)", the correct figures for estimated expenditures should read as \$132,143.
- In the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs section, under the category "Other (4)" the correct figures for estimated expenditures should read as \$14,601.

Thank you for your consideration of these block grants. If you have any questions, Mary Fuller, the agency's Chief Fiscal Officer, agency program staff and I will be happy to answer them.

### III. Allocations by Program Category

#### Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant

#### List of Block Grant Funded Programs:

FFY 2010 Estimated Contract Expenditures

FFY 2011 Proposed Contract Expenditures

	21531	21531
<b>Maternal and Child Health/ Preventive &amp; Primary Care for Children</b>	<b>FFY10 Estimated Expenditures (including carryover funds)</b>	<b>FFY11 PROPOSED Expenditures (including carryover funds)</b>
Perinatal Case Management	341,137	350,574
Healthy Start	200,000	200,000
Family Planning (1)	20,083	20,083
Information and Referral (1)	183,867	183,867
School Based Health Services (1)	273,691	273,691
Perinatal Health (2)	70,000	0
Oral Health	5,000	5,787
Injury Prevention (3)	40,000	30,000
Other (4)	132,143	13,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,265,921</b>	<b>1,077,502</b>
<b>Children with and Youth Special Health Care Needs</b>	<b>FFY10 Estimated Expenditures (including carryover funds)</b>	<b>FFY11 PROPOSED Expenditures (including carryover funds)</b>
Medical Home Community Based Care Coordination Services (5)	1,086,079	974,212
Family Planning (1)	1,057	1,057
Genetics	31,000	31,000
Information and Referral (1)	9,677	9,677
School Based Health Services (1)	14,405	14,405
Other (4)	14,601	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,156,819</b>	<b>1,030,351</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,422,740</b>	<b>2,107,853</b>

#### Footnotes:

1. These contracts are allocated to both program categories to reflect dual focus of programming to both Maternal and Child Health and Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs.
2. The allocation for this line item is from carry forward dollars, funds which are used for one-time activities. In FFY10, activities enhanced the DPH's activities related to: a) perinatal depression screening and b) the implementation of recommendations from the state perinatal health plan that targets low birth weight.